



STATE OF MAINE  
COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS  
AND ELECTION PRACTICES  
135 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE  
04333-0135

**AGENDA**

**Meeting of April 14, 1999**

9:00 A.M., PUC 1st Floor Hearing Room  
242 State Street, Augusta, Maine

ROUTINE BUSINESS

1. Minutes of the March 10, 1999 meeting

OLD BUSINESS

2. Complaints/Inquiries:
  - A. Patricia A. Peard, Esq. -- Complaint against the Maine Christian Civic League, "Yes for Equal Rights" PAC, and the "Ad Hoc Committee For Common Sense" PAC -- failure to register as political action committee (PAC) and violation of the reporting requirements by the two registered PACs
  - B. Christine Young -- Inquiry whether the Christian Civic League of Maine should be registered as a political action committee (PAC) based on the solicitation of contributions and spending of money to influence particular campaigns, initiatives and referenda

NEW BUSINESS

3. Late Lobbyist Disclosure Reports:
  - A. Jon R. Doyle, Lobbyist for International Game Technology  
Late January 1999 Report -- Due 2/16/99; Filed 2/26/99 -- No previous late reports for IGT (Mr. Doyle had 6 late reports in 1995; 2 in 1996; 0 in 1997/98  
Termination Report filed in place of Monthly Report  
Penalty: \$100  
**Recommendation:** Mitigate to \$50
  - B. Lee J. Cyr, Lobbyist for Hanover Insurance Company  
Late January 1999 Report -- Due 2/16/99; Filed 3/3/99 -- 1 late report in 1995  
Penalty: \$100  
**Recommendation:** Mitigate to \$50
  - C. Charlotte Pease, Lobbyist for NYLCare  
Late February 1999 Report -- Due 3/15/99; Filed 3/17/99 -- 2 previous late violations in 1998  
Penalty: \$100  
**Recommendation:** \$100 penalty

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4. Late Party Committee Reports:

- A. Sagadahoc County Democratic Committee; Robert E. Foulger, Former Treasurer  
Pre-Election Report Due 10/27/98; Filed 2/22/99 -- 118 days late  
Penalty: \$500 (statutory maximum)  
**Recommendation:** Waive penalty in full in accordance with 21A MRSA § 1020-A(2)(A) (valid personal emergency) (See letter dated March 1, 1999)
- B. Somerset County Democratic Committee; Hon. Pamela H. Hatch, Chairman  
Pre-Election Report Due 10/27/98; Filed 3/17/99 -- 141 days late  
Penalty: \$500 (statutory maximum)  
**Recommendation:** Waive penalty in full due to lack of notice required by § 1017(A)(6) as authorized by 21A MRSA § 1020-A(2)(C) consistent with precedents set 9/28/95 involving Orono Democratic Committee; 11/16/98 involving Old Town Republican City Committee; and 1/13/99 involving Brunswick Democratic Town Committee

- 5. Ratification of response to request for advisory opinion to the Honorable A. David Trahan dated March 22, 1999.
- 6. Briefing on legislation introduced to date in the First Regular Session of the 119th Maine Legislature affecting the Commission.
- 7. Penalties: Status of penalty assessments, referrals, delinquent filers, etc.
- 8. Maine Clean Election Act Forms: Presentation for Commission review and approval.
- 9. Electronic Filing Request for Proposals: Status Report
- 10. Informational Items (No Action Required):
  - A. Letter to Mr. Paul A. Volle dated March 19, 1999, dismissing matter regarding the Christian Coalition of Maine.
  - B. Letters from Calvin T. Cutter dated April 1, 1999, etc., regarding publication of misleading information about a candidate's opponent at a crucial time preceding November 1998 election.
  - C. Letter to Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs dated March 31, 1999, requesting assistance and support of Committee on several Commission projects.

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- D. Letter to Chairman Webster from Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs dated March 30, 1999, requesting a copy of the delinquent filer report be provided to the Committee on an annual basis.
  - E. Letter to Mr. Clayton J. MacDonald dated April 2, 1999, thanking him for his donation as the first voluntary donor to the Maine Clean Election Fund.
11. Executive Session:. Status of lawsuits challenging lobbyist registration fees (*MCOA/MCLU v. Webster, et al.*) the Maine Clean Election Act (*Daggett, et al. v. Webster, et al.*).

ADJOURNMENT